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SUBJECT: CGT (ARGENTINA) SECGENCCASILDO HERRERAS

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1. ARGENTINE LABOR LEADER HERRERAS, WHO REMAINS IN EXILE
IN MADRID (SEE REFTTEL), IS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN
OBTAINING TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION TO ATTEND 63RD ILO CONFERENCE
IN GENEVA. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY.
HERRERAS' ARGENTINE PASSPORT HAS EXPIRED AND HE CANNOT GET
IT RENEWED. DURING A RECENT VISIT TO MADRID IN LATE APRIL.
THE AFL-CIO'S IRVING BROWN MET TWICE WITH HERRERAS AND ALSO
DISCUSSED THE TRAVEL DOCUMENT PROBLEM WITH SYNDICAL RELATIONS
MINISTER DE L MATA. DE LA MATA ASSURED BROWN THAT THE
SPANISH GOVT WOULD PROVIDE TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION TO HERRERAS
TO ALLOW HIM TO GO TO GENEVA. AT THAT TIME, HERRERAS WAS
FEARFUL THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVT HAD INITIATED EXTRADITION
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM. WE HAVE HEARD SUBSEQUENTLY THAT
INTERPOL MADRID HAD IN FACT BEEN REQUESTED TO LOCATE HERRERAS
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AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS BEING EXTRADITED TO ARGENTINA
ON A FRAUD CHARGE (A TRUMPED-UP CHARGE, ACCORDING TO HERRERAS).
INTERPOL HAD NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN ASKED TO DETAIN HERRERAS
OR TO ARREST HIM.

2. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY HAS MADE
REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SPANISH GOVT WITH A VIEW OF BLOCKING

HERRERAS' DEPARTURE TO GENEVA TO ATTEND THE ILO CONFERENCE COMMENCING JUNE 1. SUBSECRETARY OF LABOR ISTURIZ VOLUNTEERED THE INFORMATION TO THE LABATT MAY 24 THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT ARGENTINA HAD NOW IN FACT INITIATED EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HERRERAS, AND THAT THE WHOLE MATTER WAS A VERY DELICATE ONE FOR THE SPANISH GOVT. HERRERAS, WHO HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH SYNDICAL RELATIONS MINISTER DE LA MATA, INFORMED LABATT MAY 26 THAT MATTER WAS NOW APPARENTLY OUT OF DE LA MATA'S HANDS AND LODGED WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR MARTIN VILLA'S OFFICE. HERRERAS IS IN SEMI-HIDING AND INCREASINGLY FEARFUL HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO GENEVA. HE HAS CONTACTED ICFTU BRUSSELS FOR ASSISTANCE WITHOUT RESULTS.

3. IRVING BROWN, CURRENTLY IN GENEVA, HAS TOLD US HE IS VERY DISTURBED ABOUT THE SITUATION AND HAD SENT TO DE LA MATA A MESSAGE INQUIRING WHY HERRERAS COULDN'T TRAVEL. BROWN MAY WELL CHOOSE TO MAKE THE MATTER PUBLIC SHORTLY. IN THE MEANTIME, FRANCISCO GUERRERO (DE LA MATA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR, AND MEMBER OF THE SPANISH GOVT DELEGATION TO THE 63RD ILO CONFERENCE) HAS RUN UP AGAINST A STONE WALL IN DGS (SECURITY) AND THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO ASSIST HERRERAS. AN ARGENTINE DEMARCHE AGAINST HERRERAS, GIVES SPAIN EMPHASIS ON RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA, WOULD TROUBLE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IT OCCURS TO US THAT ONE WAY OUT OF THIS IMPASSE MIGHT BE TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE SOME FORM OF INTERNATIONAL (PRESUMABLY UN) TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION FOR HERRERAS, FOR HS IS AFTER ALL, A LEGITIMATE MEMBER OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY. STABLER

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